

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
TACOMA DIVISION

CHRISTINA V. NEWTON,

Plaintiff,

vs.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant

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CIVIL NO. 3:20-cv-05560-RSM

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on the parties' stipulated motion for attorney's fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412

The motion is timely as Plaintiff had a 60-day appeal period, plus the 30-day period in §2412(d)(1)(B), from the entry of final judgement on April 8, 2021 to file a timely EAJA application. *Akopyan v. Barnhart*, 296 F.3d 852 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2002); *Melkonyan v. Sullivan*, 501 U.S. 89, 94-96 (1991); FED. R. App. P. 4(a). Furthermore, upon review of the stipulation and the record, the Court determines that Plaintiff is the prevailing party, the government's position was not substantially justified, and that the itemization of attorney time spent is reasonable. In short, the requirements of § 2412(d)(1)(B) are met.

1 Having thoroughly considered the parties' briefing and the relevant record, the Court  
2 hereby GRANTS the motion and awards Plaintiff \$3,306.24 in attorney's fees, subject to any  
3 offset allowed under the Treasury Offset Program. *See. Astrue v. Ratiff*, 560 U.S. 586, 589 – 590  
4 (2010). Payment of EAJA fees shall be sent to Plaintiff's attorney: David Oliver at David Oliver  
5 & Associates, 2608 South 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite C, Tacoma, WA 98409. Pursuant to *Ratiff*, award  
6 shall be payable to Plaintiff's attorney, David Oliver at David Oliver & Associates, if the  
7 Commissioner confirms that Plaintiff owes no debt to the Government through the Federal  
8 Treasury Offset program.

9 For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff's stipulated motion for attorney fees is GRANTED;

10 DATED this 7th day of July, 2021.

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13 Ricardo S. Martinez  
14 Chief United States District Judge

15 Presented by:

16 S/David P. OLIVER

17 David P. Oliver,  
18 Attorney for Plaintiff  
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